

**TÍTULO DA TESE EM INGLÊS: Survivor's Pensions in the Portuguese Public Insurance System
- Historical Background, Analysis of the Current Situation and Proposal of a New Model**

The Portuguese social security system has evolved significantly over the last 40 years, with coverage of social risks (i.e. old age, disability, survival, unemployment, etc.) significantly above the requirements imposed by the International Labor Organization (ILO) and by the European Code of Social Security.

Despite this significant evolution, the system does not always fulfill the objectives for which it was created, and it also presents some limitations, attentive to the current demographic and labor market context.

In this context, this research will focus on the protection of survivor's risk within the scope of the social security system, seeking to analyze, with particular detail, the issues related with the adequacy of the current model of attribution of survivor's pensions, attentive to the current social context and economic.

For this purpose, the assumptions underlying the survivor's pensions in the Portuguese Public Insurance System are analyzed, taking into account their historical evolution. We also identify the current mechanisms of attribution, as well as their sustainability and adequacy in relation to the current social context and to other models applied in other European countries.

Finally, we identify the general lines of a new model of survival pensions under the Public Insurance System.

Palavras Chave: Social Security System; Public Insurance System Survivor's Risk; Survivor's Pensions.